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By the Queen's most Excellent Majesty,
Guardian of the Realm of Great Bri-
tain, &c.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

*Prohibiting his Majesty's Subjects from tra-
ding to the East Indies, contrary to the Li-
berties and Privileges granted to the Eng-
lish East India Company, and from being
unlawfully concerned in any Foreign Com-
pany or Society Trading to the East Indies.*

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WHEREAS the United Compa-
ny of Merchants of England tra-
ding to the East Indies, by and
under An Act of Parliament made
in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his late
Majesty King William the Third of Glorious
Memory, intituled, An Act for raising a Sum
not exceeding Two Millions upon a Fund for
Payment of Annuities after the Rate of Eight
Pounds per Centum per Annum, and for set-
tling the Trade to the East Indies; and by
and under several other Acts of Parliament,
Letters Patent and Indentures, are entitled to
have, use, and enjoy the whole and sole
Trade and Traffick, and the only Liberty and
Privilege of trading, trafficking and ex-
ercising the Trade of Merchandize to and
from the East Indies in the Countries and
Parts of Asia and Africa, and to and from such
Places of Asia, Africa and America, or any of
them beyond the Cape of Bona Esperanza to
the Straights of Magellan, where any Trade
or Traffick of Merchandize is or may be used
or had, the Trade whereof is appropriated to
them by the said Acts of Parliament, or one
of them; by which Act of the Ninth Year
of the Reign of his late Majesty King Will-
iam the Third, it is provided, That if any of
the Subjects of his said late Majesty, his Heirs,
or Successors, of what Degree or Quality so-
ever, other than such as might or may law-
fully go and trade to the East Indies and
other the Parts in the same Act mentioned by
Virtue thereof, and their Factors, Agents and
Servants respectively employed according to
the true Meaning of the said Act, should di-
rectly or indirectly visit, haunt, frequent,
trade, traffick or adventure into or from the
said East Indies, or other the Parts aforesaid,
contrary to the true Intent and Meaning
thereof, all and every such Offender and

Offenders should incur the Forfeiture and
Loss of all the Ships and Vessels which should
be employed in such Trade, with the Guns,
Tackle, Apparel and Furniture thereunto be-
longing, and also all the Goods and Mer-
chandizes laden thereupon, and all the Pro-
ceed and Effects of the same, and also double
the Value thereof, to be recovered as therein
is particularly mentioned; and it is also pro-
vided by the same Act, and by subsequent
Laws, that all the Goods, Wares, Merchan-
dizes and Commodities to be laden upon any
Ship or Ships bound from the said East In-
dies, or Parts within the Limits aforesaid,
should be brought without breaking Bulk to
some Port of Great Britain, there to be un-
laden and put on Land. And whereas by an
Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of
his late Majesty King George the First, of
Glorious Memory, which Act was revived
and continued by an Act of the last Session
of Parliament, it is enacted, That the said
United Company of Merchants of England
Trading to the East Indies, and their Suc-
cessors, should and might take, arrest and
seize, or cause to be taken, arrested, and
seized, such Person or Persons, being a Sub-
ject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs
or Successors, at any Place or Places where
he or they should be found within the Limits
or Places aforesaid, and the Person or Persons
so taken, arrested, and seized, to send and re-
mit to England, there to answer for the
Offence aforesaid, according to due Course
of Law. And by an Act passed in the Seventh
Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King
George the First, intituled, An Act for the
further preventing his Majesty's Subjects from
trading to the East Indies under Foreign
Commissions, and for encouraging and further
securing the lawful Trade thereto, it is enact-
ed, That if at any Time after the 24th Day of
June, which should be in the Year of our
Lord 1711, any of his Majesty's Subjects
should sail, go, or repair to, or should trade,
traffick, or adventure into or from the East
Indies or Parts aforesaid, contrary to the Laws
now in being, or contrary to the Tenor of
the said Act, in every such Case it should
and might be lawful either for his Majesty's
Attorney General for the Time being, or for
the said United Company at any Time within
the Space of Six Years, to file or exhibit in
any one of his Majesty's Courts of Record at
Westminster, one or more Informations or In-

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formations against such Offender or Offenders for the Offence by him or them committed; and if the Party or Parties, Defendant or Defendants to such Information or Informations, should by due Course of Law appear or be found to be guilty thereof, the Court where such Information or Informations should be so filed or exhibited, should forthwith proceed to give Judgment against the Defendant and Defendants, by such Fine and Imprisonment, or either of them, as the said Court should think fit, and should also award the Prosecutor or Prosecutors his and their full Costs of Suit; but in Case the Defendant or Defendants should upon any Information exhibited by the said Company be acquitted or found not guilty, in such Case, the said Company should pay such Defendant or Defendants his or their full Costs; and it is by the said Act further enacted and declared, That every Person and Persons, Subject and Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs, or Successors, who should at any Time or Times, from and after the said 24th Day of June 1721, fail, go, or repair to the said East Indies, or Places aforesaid, contrary to the Laws now in being, should be deemed and accounted to be a Trader, and to have traded and trafficked there, and all the Goods and Merchandizes that should be there bartered or trafficked for, or be purchased by any such Offender or Offenders, or should be found in his Custody, or in the Custody of any other Person or Persons by his or their Order or Procurement, should be forfeited, together with double the Value thereof. And whereas by another Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King George the First, intitled, An Act to prevent his Majesty's Subjects from subscribing or being concerned in encouraging or promoting any Subscription for an East India Company in the Austrian Netherlands, and for the better securing the lawful Trade of his Majesty's Subjects to and from the East Indies, it is enacted, That if at any Time or Times from and after the 24th Day of June 1723, any Person or Persons whatsoever, Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, should contribute or subscribe to, or encourage or promote the raising, establishing, or carrying on any foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, trading, trafficking, or adventuring, or hereafter to trade, traffick, or adventure, from any Part or Parts of or in the Austrian Netherlands, into or from the East Indies, or Places aforesaid, or should be interested or concerned in his or their Name or Names, or in the Name or Names of any other Person or Persons whatsoever, or otherwise howsoever, in any Part or Share of or in the Capital, Principal Stock or Actions of any such foreign Company, Society or Corporation, as aforesaid, or should make any Payments in Money, or by Bills of Exchange, Remittances, or otherwise, to, for or towards the raising, supporting, sustaining, encouraging or promoting such foreign Company, Society or Corporation, or the Trade or Traffick thereof, or should subscribe, contribute to, encourage, or promote the raising, establishing, or carrying on any other foreign Company or Companies thereafter to be raised, form-

ed or erected, for trading or dealing to the East Indies, or Parts aforesaid, or should become interested in, or entitled to any Share in the Stock or Capital of such last mentioned Company or Companies, every such Person and Persons so offending, should forfeit all his, her and their Interest, Share, Proportion and Concern in the Capital, Principal Stock, or Actions of any such foreign Company, Society, or Corporation, together with treble the Value thereof, one third Part thereof to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the remaining two third Parts thereof to the Use of the said United Company, if they should inform, sue or prosecute for the same; or otherwise, one third Part of such two Thirds, should be to the Use of such Person or Persons as should inform or sue for the same, such Informer or Prosecutor first taking such Directions and Consent as in the said Act is mentioned for that Purpose. And it is by the said Act further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Subject or Subjects of his Majesty whatsoever, should have accepted of any Trust or Trusts, or should know of any Interest, Share, Part, Proportion or Concern, which any of his Majesty's Subjects should have or be entitled to in any such foreign Company, Society or Corporation, as aforesaid, and should not within Six Months next after his, her or their accepting such Trust, or coming to the Knowledge of such Interest, Share, Proportion or Concern, as aforesaid, truly discover and disclose in Writing the same to the said United Company, or their Court of Directors for the Time being, every Person so offending should forfeit treble the Value of the Interest, Share, Proportion or Concern so accepted in Trust, or so known and not discovered, as aforesaid, one Moiety thereof to his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them who should sue for the same, to be recovered in such Manner as by the said Act is directed; or otherwise, such Offender or Offenders should, at the Discretion of the Court where the Prosecution is commenced, suffer Imprisonment by the Space of one whole Year, without Bail or Mainprize; and that every Person who should, within the Time above limited for that Purpose, voluntarily come to the Court of Directors of the said United Company, and make a true Discovery in Writing of the Interest, Share, Part, Proportion or Concern of any of his Majesty's Subjects in the Capital, Principal or Stock, of any such foreign Company, Society or Corporation, as aforesaid, should have and receive out of the Forfeitures arising or to arise, upon or by Virtue of the last mentioned Act, by, from and out of the Estate or Estates of such Person and Persons so interested or concerned in any such foreign Company, Society or Corporation, as aforesaid, one Moiety or half Part of the clear Amount of such Forfeitures, and the Court in which the Prosecution against such Offender or Offenders should be commenced, should have full Power and Authority, and were thereby directed to award to the Person making such Discovery, such Reward as aforesaid. And it is by the said Act further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Subject or Subjects of his Majesty, his Heirs or Successors, otherwise

otherwise than such as are lawfully authorized thereunto, should at any Time or Times from and after the 24th Day of June 1724, go, sail, or repair to, or be found in or at the East Indies, or any the Places aforesaid, every Person and Persons so offending should be guilty of a high Crime and Misdemeanour, and should and might be prosecuted for the same in any of his Majesty's Courts of Record at Westminster; and being convicted thereof, should be liable to such corporal Punishment or Imprisonment, or to such Fine, as the Court where such Prosecution should be commenced, should think fit, one Moiety of such Fine to be to the Use of his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety thereof to him or them that should inform and sue for the same; and that all and every Person and Persons so offending, should and might be seized and brought to England, and it should and might be lawful to and for any one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and they are hereby authorized and required to commit all and every such Person and Persons to the next County Goal, there to remain until sufficient Security be given by natural born Subjects or Denizens to appear in the Court where such Suit or Prosecution should be commenced or depending, to answer the same, and not to depart the Court, or out of this Kingdom, without the Leave of the said Court. Notwithstanding all which just and reasonable Provisions, Prohibitions and Penalties, several of his Majesty's Subjects not entitled under the said Acts of Parliament, have (as hath been humbly represented unto us) in open Violation and Defiance of the said several Acts, presumed to trade into and visit the said East Indies, in foreign and other Ships, intending there to load Goods, and to bring them into Europe, and land them in foreign Parts out of his Majesty's Dominions, to the Diminution of his Majesty's Customs, and to the great Injury of the said Company in their said Liberty and Franchise, so as aforesaid granted and secured to them by Law, and to the general Detriment of the Trade and Commerce of this Kingdom; We have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Privy Council, to issue this Proclamation, and we do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's Subjects whatsoever, who serve in, or are on board any foreign Ship or Vessel, in or bound to or from the said East Indies, or any the Parts or Places aforesaid, and also all Merchants, and other Subjects of his Majesty, who are now in the said East Indies, or any of the Places aforesaid, trading or intending to trade there, contrary to the Privileges of the said Company, that they and every of them do forthwith desist and forbear to serve, or to be concerned in any such unlawful Trade; and that they and each of them do forthwith return to their native Country. And further we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all his Majesty's Subjects to serve on board any foreign or other Ships with foreign Commissions or Colours bound to or from the East Indies, or any the Parts aforesaid, or directly or indirectly to visit, haunt, frequent, trade, traffick, or adventure in, to or from the said East Indies, or other the

Parts before-mentioned, under any Pretence whatsoever, contrary to the Privileges of the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies; or to subscribe or contribute to, encourage or promote the raising, establishing or carrying on any foreign Corporation, Company or Society now erected, or hereafter to be erected for trading or dealing to the East Indies, or Parts aforesaid, or to become interested in, or entitled unto any Share in the Stock or Capital of any such foreign Corporation, Society or Company, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of his said late Majesty King George the First. And we do hereby strictly charge and command all his Majesty's Subjects, who shall know of any Interest, Share, Proportion or Concern, which any of his Majesty's Subjects shall have or be entitled to in any such foreign Corporation, Company or Society, to make a full and true Discovery thereof, within such Time, and in such Manner as by the said last mentioned Act is required. To all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And we do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur his Majesty's high Displeasure, but be prosecuted for such their Contempt and Offences with the utmost Rigour and Severity of Law.

*Given at the Court at Kensington, the
Twenty First Day of July, in the
Sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign.
GOD Save the KING.*

Hanover, July 29, N. S. The 26th M. Brummer, Master of the Horse to the Duke of Holstein, arrived here, who is sent on the Part of his Highness to compliment his Majesty upon his Arrival in his German Dominions, and had his Audience of the King the same Day in the Evening at Herrenhausen. The Duke of Saxe Gotha has also sent a Person of Distinction on the same Occasion, who had likewise at the same Time his Audience; as had also M. Nauderich Yesterday, who is sent on the Part of the Duke of Weimar on the like Occasion. Baron Hattorff, who attended his Majesty from England, having some Weeks ago obtained the King's Leave to go to his Country Seat for the Recovery of his Health, returned the 27th to this Place, having found great Benefit by the Change of Air. Yesterday Thomas Robinson, Esq; his Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary to the Emperor, whom his Majesty had given Leave to wait on him here, set out from hence for Prague, where the Imperial Court now resides. By Letters from Berlin of the 26th we have received Advice, that Lieutenant-General Gerstorf, Governour of the Town and Fortress of Spandau, died the 21st, and the next Day the King of Prussia conferred the said Post on the Duke of Holstein Beck, Major-General and Colonel of a Regiment of Foot in his Prussian Majesty's Service. The said Letters add, that Preparations were making for his Prussian Majesty's Journey the next Day for some Place on the Frontiers of Silesia and Bohemia, in order to his having an Interview with the Emperor.

Whitehall,